# Guangzhou - Social Media Analyst for U.S. Visa Fraud and Facilitation Issues



Project Title	Guangzhou - Social Media Analyst for U.S. Visa Fraud and Facilitation Issues
Summery	Review public blogs and postings to see what visa applicants in China are saying about the methods they have used to apply for U.S. visas or methods they are promoting for others interested in traveling to the United States.
Country	China

#### **Project Description**

The U.S. Embassy and Consulates in China receive millions of applications from Chinese citizens interested in traveling to the United States each year. Most visa applicants use clear, legal paths to obtain their visas. Others rely on visa fixers or submit fraudulent information. Chinese citizens have a vibrant online presence where netizens discuss a wide range of experiences, including their visa application process, options for obtaining or maintaining U.S. visa status, and how to disguise their true purpose of travel. The U.S. Consulate Guangzhou is seeking interested, capable applicants with Chinese reading ability to review public blogs and postings to see what our applicants are saying about the methods they have used or are promoting for others interested in traveling to the United States. Research will be done online in any publicly available media. Minimum professional proficiency in reading simplified Chinese characters is necessary, but translation aids are permissible.

## **Required Skills or Interests**

Skill(s)
Analytical writing
Research
Social media management

#### **Additional Information**

You will be working as part of a group conducting individualized research in this field. Depending on the

number of successful applicants accepted onto the project, you may be asked to focus on a particular visa category or sub-topic. Those accepted onto the project will be given some background information to help them get started on their research, but must be self-motivated and self-directed in their work. The final work product is a report and supporting annex describing your findings. Among the materials provided will be instructions on how to format a formal, front channel cable in the Department of State—an essential skill for many U.S. diplomats. Although the cable will not be disseminated through formal channels, this is a terrific opportunity to gain experience in the formal writing style used within the Department.

### **Language Requirements**

Language Speaking Proficiency Reading Proficiency Importance

Chinese-Mandarin Minimum professional proficiency Minimum professional proficiency Required